



DATE: April 1, 2015

TO: File Memo

FROM: Brian Hansen
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RE: 18th Avenue Parking Modification Request Process

- Oct 2014 – Received a petition from Cynthia Adams (8806 18th Ave) signed by five residents asking for the parking regulations along 18th Ave between Park Rd & E 89th St to be modified to restrict parking on the west side of the street and allow it on the east side (opposite of how it is currently signed) stating that she had issues with parked cars leaving trash in her yard, making it difficult for her to mow the lawn and for plows to clear snow in front of her house. She also stated that she didn't like the look of the cars being parked in her house as well as her privacy when she was home.
- Nov 2014 – A survey letter was sent out to all properties along this stretch of 18th Ave asking them to vote on changing the parking regulations (swapping sides of the street parking was allowed and not allowed) or leaving them as is. 4 of the returned surveys were against the change while 3 of them were in favor.
- Dec 2014 – Per our on-street parking policy at least 50% of the returned surveys were not in favor of the parking regulation change so a letter was sent out to the residents informing them of this and that no changes would be made, it also informed them they had up to 15 days to formally appeal this decision.
- Dec 2014 – A formal written appeal was received from Cynthia Adams reiterating her desire to have the parking regulations modified to restrict parking on her side of the street. Again stating privacy concerns about people parking and sitting in their cars in front of her house as well as the storage of a classic car and boat in the building parking lot across the street from her that was forcing those residents to park on the street in front of her house.
- Dec 2014 – Staff contacted Ms. Adams and asked her if she would be open to the idea of allowing parking on both sides of the street as a possible solution to her concerns and she was agreeable to this
- Jan 2015 - A survey letter was sent out to all properties along this stretch of 18th Ave again asking them to vote on changing the parking regulations to allow parking on both sides of the street or leaving them as is. 4 of the returned surveys were against the change while 3 of them were in favor.
- Jan 2015 – Staff contacted Ms. Adams to inform her that again based on our on-street parking policy the returned surveys didn't support changing the parking regulations on her street. She informed Staff that she intended to appeal the decision again and bring the matter to the City Council for a public hearing. Staff asked Ms. Adams if they were able to get the boat and car stored in the parking lot moved would she be willing to see if that improved her situation prior to Staff sending out the letter indicating the lack of 50% support for the latest parking regulation change, starting the 15 day clock to appeal and she approved of this idea.

- Feb 2015 – Engineering, Environmental Health, Planning and Police staff all met to discuss the property across the street from Ms. Adams. Planning indicated that the building did provide adequate tenant parking. Environmental Health stated that the storage of the car and boat in the lot was against City Code and orders would be sent to have them moved. Police indicated that they would follow up with owner of the building to have the cars removed. They also would asked for a list of vehicles that belonged to registered tenants of the building.
- Feb 2015 – Ms. Adams was informed that the stored vehicles were going to relocated and was asked if she would be willing to give it a month or so to see if the additional parking spaces in the parking lot eliminated the need/desire for people to utilize on street parking. Ms. Adams was open to this idea and Staff would follow up with her to see how it was going.
- March 2015 – Staff contacted Ms. Adams to see if things had changed since the removal of the boat and classic car. She indicated to Staff that the situation had not changed and cars were still parked outside her house, making her uneasy. Staff did occasionally drive past Ms. Adams house prior to following up with her and did observe vehicles still parked in front of her house. All of the vehicles observed by Staff during these occasional visits were registered to tenants of the building that the boat and classic car were removed from. Ms. Adams indicated her desire to appeal the denied parking code changes and bring the issue to the City Council as a public hearing item
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- March 2015 – A formal appeal was received via e-mail from Ms. Adams asking that this issue be formally presented to the City Council.